



Parish church & school of
SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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 Deacon Thomas F. Breen III

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
 Monday – Thursday: 7:30 AM
 Holy Days: As announced in the preceding Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday afternoon: 3:15 – 4:00 PM
 or Anytime by appointment

ROSARY and MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Chapel

BAPTISMS / PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM

By app't. w/Deacon Edward Giard –
 Call parish office at 860-568-5240

MARRIAGES

Please contact Parish Priest at least six months in advance at 860-568-5240

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristophersschool.org

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council #4
www.kofc-ehartford4.org

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

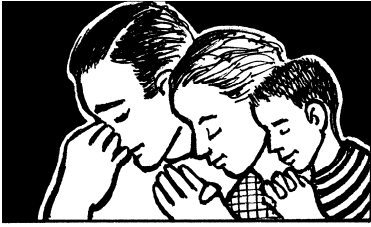
860-761-7456 vocationshartford.org

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

www.credocath.com

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

www.nccw.org



Twenty-seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 6, 2013

“Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel
before the LORD who made us.”

– Psalm 95:6

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, October 5 – 4:30 p.m.

Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, October 6 – 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Anthony C. Ventura

Sunday, October 6 – 10:30 a.m.

Gina Formica
Lucille Bordonaro
(Family)

Monday, October 7 – 7:30 a.m.

Mary & Adrien Brault
(Jean Walker)

Tuesday, October 8 – 7:30 a.m.

Fernand Turmel – 8th Anniversary
(Wife & Children)

Wednesday, October 9 – 7:30 a.m.

**God’s Comfort & Healing Presence
for Jimmie Forbes**

Thursday, October 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Saturday, October 12 – 4:30 p.m.

Florine Barriau
(Norman & Edith Daigle)

Sunday, October 13 – 8:00 a.m.

Joseph Leonardo (Mom, Dad & Daughters)

Sunday, October 13 – 10:30 a.m.

Helen Katin (The Katin & Brewer Families)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (September 29): \$ 5,164

Same Sunday in 2012: \$ 5,442

My personal thanks for your generous support which
is so essential for our parish!

With Gratitude, Fr. Curran

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you
would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” As is the
case with Jesus’ statements almost always, there is a
stewardship message here. Most of us are aware that
a mustard seed is incredibly small; in fact, it was one
of the smallest seeds known in Jesus’ earthly world.
The mulberry tree, on the other hand, was known to
have a vast and large network of roots which spread
far out from the trunk of the tree. Jesus’ point is that
faith cannot be measured by size or depth. It is as if
He is saying that the key is quality, not quantity. It is
not the size of one’s faith, but its presence, and the
willingness of each person to rely on that faith in
trying times. One of the most important facets of
stewardship is trust in God. It is that trust — a trust
built on faith — which gives us the strength to
follow lives of stewardship and service.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us
of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy
Eucharist.



✠ The candle in the church burns this week

**In Loving Memory of Edwin Jones
In Remembrance of His 99th Birthday
and**

**In Honor of Lillian Jones
In Celebration of Her 99th Birthday
(Daughter Janette Forte)**

✠ The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For All God’s People
That We Nurture and Sustain
His Precious Gift of Life**

If you would like to schedule a weekly dedication,
please call the Parish Office at 860-568-5240.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

October 12 and 13

Next weekend after all Masses we welcome fall with "Hospitality Weekend." **Please** stop by and say hello! Share some food. Visit with parishioners you already know and meet those you see in church who you don't know. Also, please consider bringing with you an appetizer, dessert, or finger food to share at the hospitality after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and a baked good or snack food for the hospitalities after the Sunday Masses. Donations of food items can be brought to the church hall before each Mass. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THANK YOU and HELP!

I am so grateful for all those who volunteered to pray for life during the 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration that took place from 6:00 am on September 30 until 6:00 am on October 1. I am confident that all received more than they gave.

We still have the peaceful vigil coming up Saturday, October 19, 2013 next to the abortion clinic in Hartford beginning at 6:00 am and concluding at 6:00 pm. We are seeking at least 2 people for each hour time slot. I will be offering a shuttle from St. Christopher to Hartford for the prayerful vigil to make it easier for folks to assist with this wonderful display of support for life. **As I write this announcement, I have only one volunteer to pray for life on October 19! Please help** us bring our prayers for life to God in this special way. Thank you! For more information or to reserve a time slot please call Phil Gosselin at 860- 568-5001 or e-mail, him at imgoose@comcast.net.

Peace, Phil Gosselin



DENTAL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The 7th and 8th grade students at our parish school are gathering dental supplies for our parishioner Chickie Amberg who will be going to Guatemala with other volunteers to help people who are poor and do not have the ability to maintain proper oral hygiene. The following items are being collected: toothpaste, toothbrushes (especially kids'), dental picks, floss, rubber gloves, mouthwash, garbage bags and t-shirts. Collection boxes will be in the hall until October 13 for your convenience.



ST. CHRISTOPHER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4

Fall Harvest Dinner

Saturday ~ October 26 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Church Hall

The St. Christopher Knights of Columbus Council #4 is holding a Fall Harvest Dinner. The menu is as follows:

Pumpkin Soup (in vegetable broth with barley)
Cheese & Crackers
Roast Pork Loin
(Macaroni & Cheese will be available for children if requested by 10/23/13)
Winter Squash Soufflé
Long Grain & Wild Rice Pilaf
Apple Crisp & Vanilla Ice Cream
Coffee, Tea, Juice, Hot Apple Cider

The cost is \$10 person, children under 10 years old \$5.00. Maximum of \$35 per family. Adults are welcome to bring their own bottle. **Tickets must be reserved in advance** by contacting Scott Gay at 860-670-8898 or at scottgay95@gmail.com **no later than Wednesday, October 23.** We hope to see you there!

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

Monday – October 7
1:00 p.m. – Church Hall



Home Invasions, cons and scams, identity theft... these things should all be of concern to us. Do you receive questionable calls? How do you know what is legitimate, and what is not? Join us at our October meeting when Katy Beard speaks to us about "Smart and Safe Tips for Living." If you have any questions regarding this or any future meetings, call Joan or Frank Perrone at 860-568-6229.

NOTE FROM FR. FANELLI

We share with you the following note we received from Fr. Fanelli.

Dear St. Christopher Parish Family,

Many thanks to you for sending cards filled with your kind thoughts, good wishes and prayers. May God bless you always.

Love, Fr. Fanelli



October is Respect Life Month. During this time, the Church throughout the world prays for a more profound respect for human life and celebrates the Church's belief in the dignity of every person. Special events will be held throughout the Archdiocese including this event:

14th Annual Respect Life Conference

The 13th annual Respect Life Conference will be held on Saturday, October 19, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Holy Angels Parish Center in South Meriden. The \$25 registration fee includes pro-life exhibits, guest speakers, Mass, workshops, hospitality and lunch. For more information or to register for this conference, please call Holy Angels Church at 203-235-3822 or you can send an e-mail message to prolife@HolyAngelsChurch.org.

**CT CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**



The Annual CT Catholic Men's Conference is coming soon on Saturday, October 26, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and will be held at Goodwin College in East Hartford. \$35 General Admission, \$25 Teens. (Box lunch included). Inspirational Speakers, Reflection and Prayer. For more information, visit www.ctcatholicmen.org or call 860-739-4607.

FOOD BANK REPORT

For September 2013

Requests: 43 Adults: 79 Children: 41

Thank you for your continued support of our food bank so we can continue to help feed those in need!



FOOD BANK

Due to the increase in the number of people who have been requesting assistance from our food bank, we are in need of non-perishable food items so we can continue to help feed those in need. Please leave your donations in the area near our candle station. We also welcome monetary donations to help us purchase perishable food items. Please place your donation in any collection basket in an envelope marked "Food Bank."

DEFENDING OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The federal healthcare mandate is much more sweeping than existing state mandates. Employers can generally avoid the contraceptive mandates in 28 states by self-insuring their prescription drug coverage, dropping that part of their coverage altogether, or opting for regulation under a federal law (ERISA) that pre-empts state law. The HHS mandate closes off all these avenues of relief. We need the government to realize that it is seriously encroaching on religious liberty. To voice your opposition to the mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and urge your representatives to support legislation that will overturn the mandate.

HELP!

Our parish school is in need of a new phone system. The old system is almost 20 years old. We need \$3,000 to help pay for it. Would you please be willing to help? You can send a check in any amount directly to our school or parish office, or you may put an envelope marked "School's Phone System" in any weekend collection basket. Thank you!

24TH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

The Rosary Rally of CT is sponsoring the 24th Annual Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 13 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury. Procession, rosary, talk on "The Marian Significance of Fatima" and Benediction. Parish Mass at 4:15 p.m. For more information, call Elaine Atiyeh at 860-352-2281.

LIFE

"Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love, to work, to play and to look up at the stars."

– Henry Van Dyke

WE REMEMBER

We remember in prayer the following persons of the military who bravely fought and gallantly died during September 22 – 26 while serving our country. We also remember all those who are caught in the crossfires of war. May they rest in peace.

- Staff Sergeant Baysore, Jr., Thomas A. - 31
- Chief Warrant Officer Gibson, Jonathan S. - 32
- Lieutenant Commander Jones, Landon L. - 35

**LYMAN ORCHARD
PIE SALE!**

Our parish school will be taking orders for cookie dough and pies from Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, CT after all Masses this weekend, October 5/6 and next weekend, October 12/13. The pies and cookie dough will arrive frozen, ready to be baked (except for pumpkin, pecan, and the cream pies which are pre-baked and simply need to be thawed). Orders will be available for pick up in our church hall on Wednesday, November 6. Your order will not only help our parish school, but will be very delicious, too! Any questions, please contact Sarah Poirier at sarahpoirier@comcast.net.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Our parish is actively seeking students in **Grades 4 and above** who are interested in becoming an Altar Server. If you would like to learn more about the Altar Server ministry, please contact the parish office at 860-568-5240 or send an e-mail to stchris-eh@sbcglobal.net. A training session will be held in the near future.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS – INQUIRY**

Where do you go when you have questions about God? About the meaning of life? About prayer? or sin? or Mary? or the Saints? How do you respond when you are touched by someone else's faith or selflessness or goodness? Whom do you go to in times of sadness or uncertainty? What do you do when you feel blessed?



The RCIA Program is in its first stage, the process of inquiry, where we explore questions of faith and belief. We will be sharing our faith and searching together for answers and resolutions. **Join us beginning**

Sunday, October 6, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. There will be light refreshments.

Call 860-643-7268 or the Parish Office at 860-568-5240 for more information.

FRENCH-CANADIAN DAY

French-Canadian Day was signed into law by Governor D. Malloy on 6/25/13 to be celebrated yearly in the State of CT on June 24. On that day next year, there will be a French Mass at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford followed by a ceremony at the State Capitol. Please call Helene Labrecque at 860-896-1096 or send an e-mail to HeleneLabrecque@hotmail.com by October 18, 2013 to let her know if you plan to attend next year.

SOCIAL ACTION

Advocacy and Education

The US Catholic Church is in the fourth week of a Fast for Immigration Reform. We are asked to participate by giving up something – it doesn't have to be food – that might be enjoyable but not necessary to our health and welfare. And we could meditate on these words from the Bishops on Faithful Citizenship:

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's act of creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers, owners, and others must be respected - the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and choose to join a union, to economic initiative, and to ownership and private property. These rights must be exercised in ways that advance the common good.

Youth Ministry

9th and 10th Grade Students

Sunday, October 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Opening evening retreat for parents AND students in the church hall.

First Sunday of the Month, November to May: Life Night for all Confirmation students in the church hall from 7 – 9 p.m.

Youth Ministry Events and Mini-Courses

Open to All High School Students

Please visit our website at stchris-eh.org and click on Youth Ministry to get all the details.